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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN-FRENCH RELATIONS: GOA RESPONSE TO GISCARD'S
PROPOSALS

1. ON FEB 13 FONMIN SECY GEN SBIH SUMMONED FRENCH AMBASSADOR
DE COMMINES TO DELIVER GOA'S "RESPONSE" TO GISCARD'S FEB 9 PRESS
CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE PROPOSED SETTING UP OF JOINT COMMISSIONS
TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS PROBLEMS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. COMMINES
INFORMS US THAT SBIH SAID PROPOSALS WERE FINE BUT DID NOT ADDRESS
MAIN PROBLEM BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WHICH REMAINS FRENCH ROLE IN
SAHARA WAR. ALL OTHER ISSUES SECONDARY, ACCORDING TO SBIH,
AND COMMINES WAS LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
FURTHER GOA ACTION ON PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME.

2. DESPITE THIS SEEMINGLY NEGATIVE RESPONSE, COMMINES PROFESSES
HIMSELF LESS THAN TOTALLY DISCOURAGED. HE NOTES THAT UNOFFICIAL
ALGERIAN REACTION TO GISCARD'S PROPOSALS WAS MORE POSITIVE THAN
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OFFICIAL VERSION. PAUL BALTA, LOCAL LE MONDE CORRESPONDENT,
REACHES SAME CONCLUSION IN A FEB 14 ARTICLE. COMMINES NOTES
THAT AS LATE AS DECEMBER, ALGERIANS HAD BEEN CONSIDERING SENDING
MESSENGER TO FRANCE TO REPLY TO GOF'S MESSAGE ON HOSTAGES AND
SAHARA SITUATION DELIVERED IN OCTOBER.
HOWEVER, BOTH COMMINES AND BALTA INDICATE THAT MOST IMPORTANT
POLITICAL FACT OF LIFE IS FRENCH ELECTION. THEY BELIEVE

THAT THERE WILL BE FEW FURTHER INITIATIVES ON EITHER SIDE
UNTIL AFTER THIS VOTING TAKES PLACE.HAYNES

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